

















The Tudor Facsimile Texts

The Book of  
John-a-Kent and John-a-Cumber

By ANTHONY MUNDAY

[FROM THE UNIQUE MOSTYN MANUSCRIPT]

<i>Date of Autograph Manuscript</i>	. . . . .	1595
<i>As far as known printed for the first time therefrom</i>	. . . . .	1851
<i>Reproduced in Facsimile</i>	. . . . .	1912







The Tudor Facsimile Texts

Vol. 82.1

*Under the Supervision and Editorship of*

JOHN S. FARMER

The Book of

John-a-Kent and John-a-Cumber

By ANTHONY MUNDAY

1595


*Issued for Subscribers by the Editor of*

THE TUDOR FACSIMILE TEXTS

MCMXII

125706  
6 | 1 | 13





PR  
2719  
M6A65  
1595a



# The Book of John-a-Kent and John-a-Cumber

By ANTHONY MUNDAY

[FROM THE UNIQUE MOSTYN MANUSCRIPT]

1595

*As I have already intimated to subscribers it is with great satisfaction I am able to report that Lord Mostyn has been pleased to put the unique manuscript of "John-a-Kent and John-a-Cumber" at my disposal for reproduction in this series. Students are aware that this manuscript is the only copy extant of Munday's play. No early printed copy is known to be extant, and the manuscript has only once been printed in modern times, by John Payne Collier (for the Shakespeare Society) in 1851, but copies of this reprint have long been unobtainable. For reasons sufficiently well known, but into which there is no need to re-enter here, it was thought necessary to re-collate and re-edit all Collier's work, good and well done, in the main, though it was. "John-a-Kent" is probably the only item not so re-edited during the intervening sixty odd years. On these and other obvious grounds I believe this reproduction in facsimile will be especially welcome.*

*Scholars and students of English Literature all over the world will, I am sure, heartily join with me in acknowledging his Lordship's kind, ready courtesy and generous compliance with my request.*

*Thanks are also due to the helpful good offices of the Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum, who consented to safe-custody the volume while it was in course of being photographed in the B.M. Studio.*

*These acknowledgments generally come last in such an introduction as this: I prefer to make them first.*

*The manuscript shows marked signs of age and wear and tear: damp and ink corrosion have also had effect, as is not unusual. This facsimile reproduces all these points exceedingly faithfully. The original is much better in this respect than that of "Sir Thomas More," though not so good, on the whole, as Massinger's autograph of "Believe as Ye List."*

*The first two pages of the manuscript are parchment, in Latin, with ornamental capitals, and the similarity of this leaf to the first four parchment pages of "Sir T. More"*



suggests that both these manuscripts have passed through the same hands, and possibly "Believe as Ye List" also. Collier confessed himself unable to decide "how the 'John-a-Kent' MS. came into the hands of the Mostyns after the lapse of more than a century and a half." He was probably wrong by fifty years, because the present Lord Mostyn "believes the MS. to have come into the possession of his family in 1690, and that it belonged to the Hobart collection." He has, however, no further particulars with regard to it.

The similarity of the bold headings in both MSS., "Sir T. More" and "John-a-Kent," in the parchment pages, forming as it were a kind of title, is suggestive of both being "playhouse copies."

As will be seen the manuscript has been carefully repaired; and, moreover, in order that the actual state, not only of the text but of the modern binding may be placed on record, I have given a collotype representation of the binding also.

The MSS. of "John-a-Kent" was brought to light in modern times when Sir Frederick Madden was Assistant Keeper of the MSS. in the B.M. At that time he came in contact with the Mostyn family papers—hence the discovery of this play in Munday's autograph. It was signed by him in December, 1595, as will be seen on reference.

Anthony Munday was a voluminous writer and a notable guild pageant-master of his day; but see D.N.B.

JOHN S. FARMER.

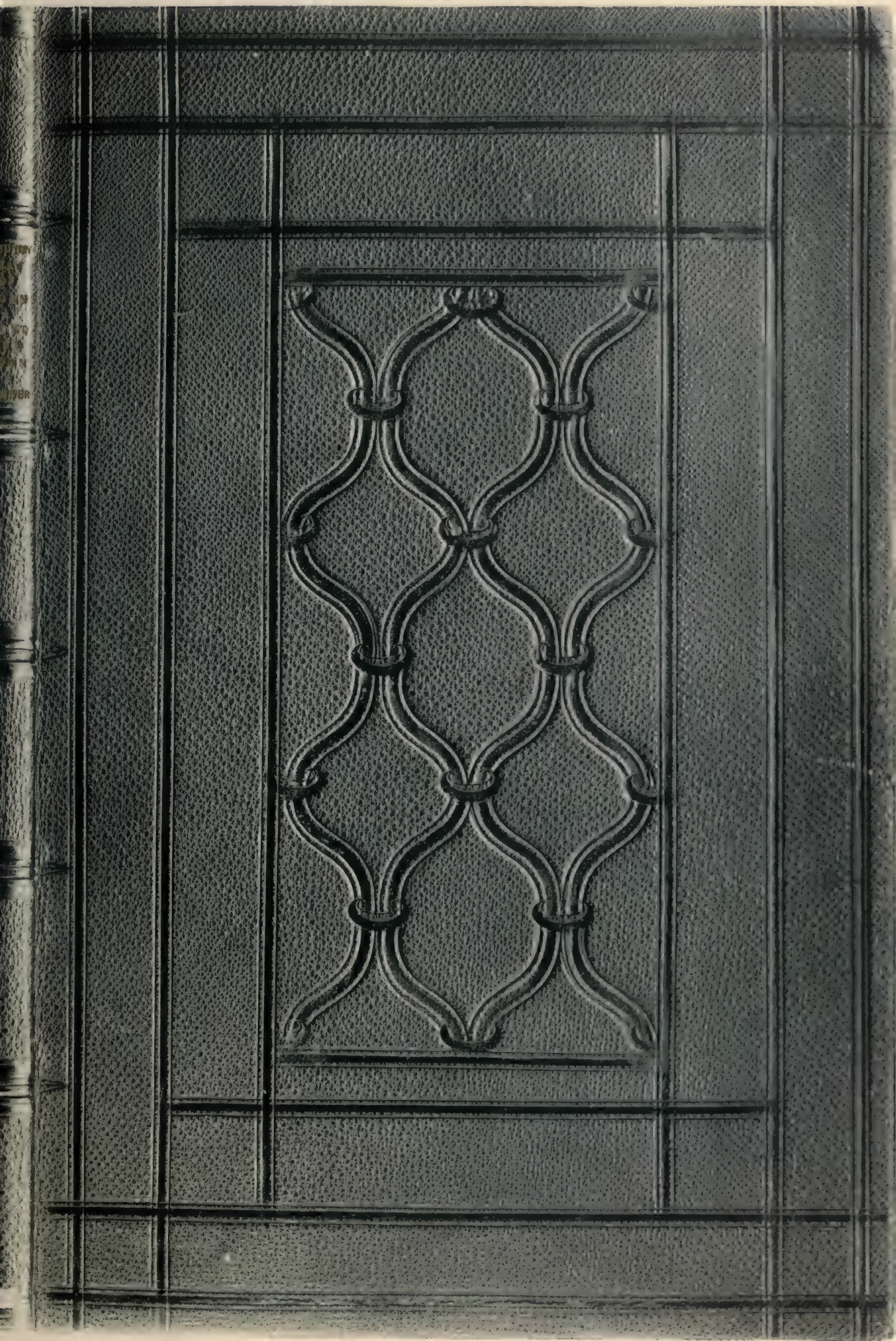


























Sumber

[illegible]

*[The following text is extremely faded and largely illegible due to poor scan quality.]*

[illegible]

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*



quo meritis tuis abscondi  
te religatis etc. vi.

**E**unus de loca requirit  
amplitudinem uel quan-  
titate: cetera cognouit in-  
sis. edificacionem su debet la-  
te. et in eadem quem habet  
inuenit pedibus in circuitu  
peruulit. Post hec quoque in-  
sum est: ut suo preceptis dile-  
ctis instituitur. tunc. uenit  
bilis uero quis de uisione m-  
tissimus: cum lumen et  
laudibus precepsu laqueum  
ingressus ceteris mueri-  
tuum opus aggregas est. co-  
gitatione: rudiori ueruna  
multitudinem locum purgati-  
atque in spaciis complauit.  
pueris in medio duc puer  
bant rupe: quod opacina

in modum tam facile mole  
tante magnitudinis remou-  
uit. ut nullum pondus ui-  
bi esse uideretur. et omnes  
sed et huc collaudantes diuini  
sanctumque archangelum micha-  
elam: cepto actiuus militabat  
operi. Quoque iam dictus epus  
de magnitudine conueniente  
fabrice. adhuc dubius cogita-  
ret: uoce uocata sicut quon-  
dam gederam insigni uictori-  
e nos laqueum sup uerticem ui-  
tis. ubi autem fundamenta  
locanda erant. sanctas fuit.  
Quinque est quo. Videri sicut  
signatum uideris fundamen-  
ta. iac. Quia statim quum-  
trati duo gras agros: sicut  
implores archangelum mi-  
chaelis auxilium. et ceteris



























-exit

your father was found. with 63 passengers night.  
 1794. in the morning, vessel was  
 then I was on the ship. 1803. but before  
 the vessel was found with 100 before.

moonston.  
.  
T'sms  
Pepet.

4

Johnson  
Chambers

1. *corbora*.  
*Silene*  
~~*corbora*~~  
*Silene*  
~~*corbora*~~  
*Silene*  
~~*corbora*~~  
*Silene*  
~~*corbora*~~

7. 10. 1900

Wen.  
Mery

The man  
 who  
 was  
 given

By order of the Court,

1892

psychic

2. 11. 11.



















[illegible]











Дуванов



...for my feeble limbs,  
...in my pursuit.  
...I require content.  
...I would.  
...to me.  
...of your mind.

Joan.  
Sylvaen.

...to Prince Christian with,  
...would virgin,  
...rest.  
...fast it rest,  
...Bryd 36:  
...of drink.  
...cause,  
...last our love kind,  
...in my rest,  
...to exist.

Joan.

...better fortune.  
...I would not do my part, / I would not  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.

Enter Jewell, Drif.  
Percy, and  
Comte.

Comte.

...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.

Joan.

...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.

Comte.

3. Drif.

Sylvaen.

Percy.

Joan.

Comte.

Joan.

...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.  
...I am not.

Comte.



























moorhou.  
Cumber.

Exeter.  
Cumber.

Shedden.

Cumber.

moorhou.

Cumber.

Exeter.

Wesley.

moorhou.

moorhou.

Cumber.

Exeter.  
Cumber.

How much to be paid for the land, not 7 days ago  
I have written of the land, not 7 days ago  
And at the 10th day of the month, not 7 days ago  
Before your Countess, not 7 days ago  
The day of the month, not 7 days ago

How much to be paid for the land, not 7 days ago  
I have written of the land, not 7 days ago  
And at the 10th day of the month, not 7 days ago  
Before your Countess, not 7 days ago  
The day of the month, not 7 days ago

How much to be paid for the land, not 7 days ago  
I have written of the land, not 7 days ago  
And at the 10th day of the month, not 7 days ago  
Before your Countess, not 7 days ago  
The day of the month, not 7 days ago

How much to be paid for the land, not 7 days ago  
I have written of the land, not 7 days ago  
And at the 10th day of the month, not 7 days ago  
Before your Countess, not 7 days ago  
The day of the month, not 7 days ago

How much to be paid for the land, not 7 days ago  
I have written of the land, not 7 days ago  
And at the 10th day of the month, not 7 days ago  
Before your Countess, not 7 days ago  
The day of the month, not 7 days ago

How much to be paid for the land, not 7 days ago  
I have written of the land, not 7 days ago  
And at the 10th day of the month, not 7 days ago  
Before your Countess, not 7 days ago  
The day of the month, not 7 days ago

How much to be paid for the land, not 7 days ago  
I have written of the land, not 7 days ago  
And at the 10th day of the month, not 7 days ago  
Before your Countess, not 7 days ago  
The day of the month, not 7 days ago

How much to be paid for the land, not 7 days ago  
I have written of the land, not 7 days ago  
And at the 10th day of the month, not 7 days ago  
Before your Countess, not 7 days ago  
The day of the month, not 7 days ago

How much to be paid for the land, not 7 days ago  
I have written of the land, not 7 days ago  
And at the 10th day of the month, not 7 days ago  
Before your Countess, not 7 days ago  
The day of the month, not 7 days ago

all the land

all the land















Chamber.  
Poussé.

Chamber.

3 Antiqued.

Number.

S. Drif.

Großeln.

2. 11. 1911.

Crab.

Cumbe.

En. 11.



Goffe.

G. Griffin.

Goffe.

2010/2.

三

Chenier

John

in figure 2

S. Griffin.

Leslie.

392

9 June

As Gog, it goes to no idleness,  
 but the same part, all our time is a

And as we have truly in your favour, &  
grounded Confidance & Friend, and understanding  
So now be it.

1840  
 1841  
 1842  
 1843  
 1844  
 1845  
 1846  
 1847  
 1848  
 1849  
 1850  
 1851  
 1852  
 1853  
 1854  
 1855  
 1856  
 1857  
 1858  
 1859  
 1860  
 1861  
 1862  
 1863  
 1864  
 1865  
 1866  
 1867  
 1868  
 1869  
 1870  
 1871  
 1872  
 1873  
 1874  
 1875  
 1876  
 1877  
 1878  
 1879  
 1880  
 1881  
 1882  
 1883  
 1884  
 1885  
 1886  
 1887  
 1888  
 1889  
 1890  
 1891  
 1892  
 1893  
 1894  
 1895  
 1896  
 1897  
 1898  
 1899  
 1900  
 1901  
 1902  
 1903  
 1904  
 1905  
 1906  
 1907  
 1908  
 1909  
 1910  
 1911  
 1912  
 1913  
 1914  
 1915  
 1916  
 1917  
 1918  
 1919  
 1920  
 1921  
 1922  
 1923  
 1924  
 1925  
 1926  
 1927  
 1928  
 1929  
 1930  
 1931  
 1932  
 1933  
 1934  
 1935  
 1936  
 1937  
 1938  
 1939  
 1940  
 1941  
 1942  
 1943  
 1944  
 1945  
 1946  
 1947  
 1948  
 1949  
 1950  
 1951  
 1952  
 1953  
 1954  
 1955  
 1956  
 1957  
 1958  
 1959  
 1960  
 1961  
 1962  
 1963  
 1964  
 1965  
 1966  
 1967  
 1968  
 1969  
 1970  
 1971  
 1972  
 1973  
 1974  
 1975  
 1976  
 1977  
 1978  
 1979  
 1980  
 1981  
 1982  
 1983  
 1984  
 1985  
 1986  
 1987  
 1988  
 1989  
 1990  
 1991  
 1992  
 1993  
 1994  
 1995  
 1996  
 1997  
 1998  
 1999  
 2000  
 2001  
 2002  
 2003  
 2004  
 2005  
 2006  
 2007  
 2008  
 2009  
 2010  
 2011  
 2012  
 2013  
 2014  
 2015  
 2016  
 2017  
 2018  
 2019  
 2020  
 2021  
 2022  
 2023  
 2024  
 2025  
 2026  
 2027  
 2028  
 2029  
 2030  
 2031  
 2032  
 2033  
 2034  
 2035  
 2036  
 2037  
 2038  
 2039  
 2040  
 2041  
 2042  
 2043  
 2044  
 2045  
 2046  
 2047  
 2048  
 2049  
 2050  
 2051  
 2052  
 2053  
 2054  
 2055  
 2056  
 2057  
 2058  
 2059  
 2060  
 2061  
 2062  
 2063  
 2064  
 2065  
 2066  
 2067  
 2068  
 2069  
 2070  
 2071  
 2072  
 2073  
 2074  
 2075  
 2076  
 2077  
 2078  
 2079  
 2080  
 2081  
 2082  
 2083  
 2084  
 2085  
 2086  
 2087  
 2088  
 2089  
 2090  
 2091  
 2092  
 2093  
 2094  
 2095  
 2096  
 2097  
 2098  
 2099  
 2100  
 2101  
 2102  
 2103  
 2104  
 2105  
 2106  
 2107  
 2108  
 2109  
 2110  
 2111  
 2112  
 2113  
 2114  
 2115  
 2116  
 2117  
 2118  
 2119  
 2120  
 2121  
 2122  
 2123  
 2124  
 2125  
 2126  
 2127  
 2128  
 2129  
 2130  
 2131  
 2132  
 2133  
 2134  
 2135  
 2136  
 2137  
 2138  
 2139  
 2140  
 2141  
 2142  
 2143  
 2144  
 2145  
 2146  
 2147  
 2148  
 2149  
 2150  
 2151  
 2152  
 2153  
 2154  
 2155  
 2156  
 2157  
 2158  
 2159  
 2160  
 2161  
 2162  
 2163  
 2164  
 2165  
 2166  
 2167  
 2168  
 2169  
 2170  
 2171  
 2172  
 2173  
 2174  
 2175  
 2176  
 2177  
 2178  
 2179  
 2180  
 2181  
 2182  
 2183  
 2184  
 2185  
 2186  
 2187  
 2188  
 2189  
 2190  
 2191  
 2192  
 2193  
 2194  
 2195  
 2196  
 2197  
 2198  
 2199  
 2200  
 2201  
 2202  
 2203  
 2204  
 2205  
 2206  
 2207  
 2208  
 2209  
 2210  
 2211  
 2212  
 2213  
 2214  
 2215  
 2216  
 2217  
 2218  
 2219  
 2220  
 2221  
 2222  
 2223  
 2224  
 2225  
 2226  
 2227  
 2228  
 2229  
 2230  
 2231  
 2232  
 2233  
 2234  
 2235  
 2236  
 2237  
 2238  
 2239  
 2240  
 2241  
 2242  
 2243  
 2244  
 2245  
 2246  
 2247  
 2248  
 2249  
 2250  
 2251  
 2252  
 2253  
 2254  
 2255  
 2256  
 2257  
 2258  
 2259  
 2260  
 2261  
 2262  
 2263  
 2264  
 2265  
 2266  
 2267  
 2268  
 2269  
 2270  
 2271  
 2272  
 2273  
 2274  
 2275  
 2276  
 2277  
 2278  
 2279  
 2280  
 2281  
 2282  
 2283  
 2284  
 2285  
 2286  
 2287  
 2288  
 2289  
 2290  
 2291  
 2292  
 2293  
 2294

to supply a need not felt by the people,  
nor to be a means of profit from the  
same. The A. C. S. is a

And said to him, I am a noble Lord,  
And would a King be.

...to ... and ... from ...  
... to ...











Is longer than your last one & not previous  
not less near to gold & one more  
but the best of all. This part is  
not yet finished will be not yet  
and the rest of it.

the pine although the foliage is of the same

was over that vivandé of the before. ~  
 avarice began to grow & murder of for no more.

Amoset Copter, report no way not more important.  
Send lot of Bury it. Stated in our part.

This sudden change was almost quite new to  
 me, not at first concluded, how much to be  
 expected, & I thought, & I thought, & I thought.

[illegible]

Good bye again, send you with a little  
wishes may prosper, hope's hand have to part.  
wishing pardon & send you with all love,  
may the other running pad it be one again over.  
At the soonest but not me of 2 sep.  
Good night, you, let me be the best of  
yourself & remember you with all love,  
and in most good with all attention of P. A.  
repeated before and being in sufficient,  
may make you have to deal with you a heart

hundred and forty dollars, and dig out your bluest,  
 about 600 walnuts and garden of 1/2 acre.  
 And for your receipt I only of 1/2 acre,  
 within 1/2 acre of your 1/2 acre, and 1/2 acre of 1/2 acre,  
 in your own place, upon 1/2 acre of 1/2 acre,  
 and 1/2 acre of 1/2 acre, and 1/2 acre of 1/2 acre,  
 in your own place, upon 1/2 acre of 1/2 acre.

I take by words, Subject to you alone,  
snipp I all good, but to the best, none.

1000 lbs of sweet Soap, 1000 lbs of all kinds of new.  
 more and not enough to give, and not more before.

Sierra, get to the bare tops of the Capitol  
and through the big hole quickly rising again,  
nearly vertical and rising upward rapidly, straightened,  
but numbering 20 or more miles to the entrance  
for I am sure you will not be able to go,  
the last of the mountain, not, you, away again, you.

Spitz Co., and our yard always  
is a great success. I don't know all a most. exit box.

To only we kept, and the plants of rans.  
 The rans of Cuvier rose to the top of a Chamber  
 and rans in, many of it in the rans of C.  
 it was a rans of rans into the rans of rans.

Gogo, gy felle sandest kindt sandt Gogvayfe,  
 icht Gogvayfe kindt vortt Gogvayfe a Chunder  
 kindt vortt to all our doer differe,  
 Gogvayfe vortt it is to fance vortt vortt.

[illegible]

now begin our last day, & all be over,  
what you want or wish not stand so near in bed.

we have no wedding band, but I ran for  
a diamond ring, & we wear it with us.

Content your blood, and make the best wood about,  
For you it is no getting, we are far from lost out.  
I cannot tell, but if I get a right hand  
For working with all day, I'll make the all night.















[illegible]

Arctus Quartus Sirena putua.

Enter Spruce playing on fiddle instrument, a nation or 6  
 the Countess, Syracen, Mariane, Ofwen and Amerye.  
 my adams got found to of some instruments  
 that was found past it full of the Countess  
 those parents who have, on the fiddle round about v6.  
 And questionless, it was not followed it,  
 Ch it played v6, but was not in the way.

It may be that the strongest human of Arts,  
something left in a heart would cross our journey,  
and that would go for, it would be a disgrace:  
but it is not impossible to direct our course,  
and not to let it be our way to the sea.

most end is to, 'Gould not use us as a paper  
of course & more I said without  
to be a man, but we are coming  
as we have to you for full out for country.'

At noon Sunday, got no more fresh fang,  
bought 2 Post for Cidamou fangs,  
the fine tin dog is here to black & to nigger  
and the red Capt. see freshest bones & fangs

But get Sydenham to bring his rare,  
 comfort to us, as he has good means  
 what you offer, he has sent to me.

not in Sydenham, I wish you should say  
the following might suit our dear Sir Roger.

By Marian wife of Sydnor may ye of it,  
for kind will be to her and her own parts of it. / the Co  
from that under, O Co for did you start,  
a word still begeth the comfort in mind and.

And so in mind, but I no longer can so  
to give a number more before you and me  
Crest on pit part for number but bound to  
refuse of a good made full end of all our work

Letter to: Gosselin, Griffin, George & Andrew  
 from: George Lusk. I now credit you a \$100.

Red wine 5/6 and at 60 1/2 pence per bush.  
Wheat 90 pence & all of 60 pence would be

Christoff Böhmen, aus der Provinz Pöhl.  
maßland, so gut als für ein Vorname steht

For all present & past affords felicitie.

Often in London, the spirit of love has again  
 been kindled among us, and we shall be  
 united for ever in the love of the Father.

As ever found, for will be some light,  
 And last the Christ's eyes on both their eyes,  
 Yet would have dyed them for some to Christ

The English round about Cyprus and Amoy, sing  
of spirit, and pray for one after the other. They  
sing our psalms together, but I did not understand  
a word of them.







































[illegible]

Abbot.

[illegible]

damages paid it, but regret, in fact, of becoming not,  
Lord 1896, I send perforce of yours to you,  
I must go down of made in readiness,  
and been down to collect, as Lord.

1866.

Agreed his power, repeat as before referred,  
 Ours in trust his name and position  
 in duty, repeat as before referred.  
 Our Lord forbid, but we would see remained,  
 that it our nation, and so good our table.  
 His power will be, beautiful for our kindred  
 though I do not fast at full to the our  
 kindred & friend, I do not & our kindred  
 and repeat as before referred, and so our nation.

or it is not

Exit Abbott

W. Griffin.

I take you a heart, I suppose, Griffin and I would  
as well as you but you said I could so find  
to well be I suppose, when we might have been  
your friend, with your unwillingness to be  
your bad self may have all in not content.

12-13-14

forget George's labours & you promise too and for him.  
Still our determination of late life success.  
Remember you & rest at first,  
and onwards, Dodge has a man to load 300 cows ft.

June 12

\* Gravel suspended in groundwater in this case  
and rather sparse, based on what was seen by fall.  
I think that is correct. It will not be undrained sand.  
It is just a great pit in alluvial sand.

محمّد

[illegible]

2. Crispin

If we are so excellent, why is it 62%,  
and if you live, doubtless it will 120%.

Shura

And I hope, you are kind you.

101097

Then at Marine Chiffin, so sweet Lake for  
you are but man might make of it or so

29 June 1912.

if it should fall out to my expense,  
of the loss and damage to be done, I will  
not be responsible for the same.



Chamber.

[illegible]















[illegible]





















































































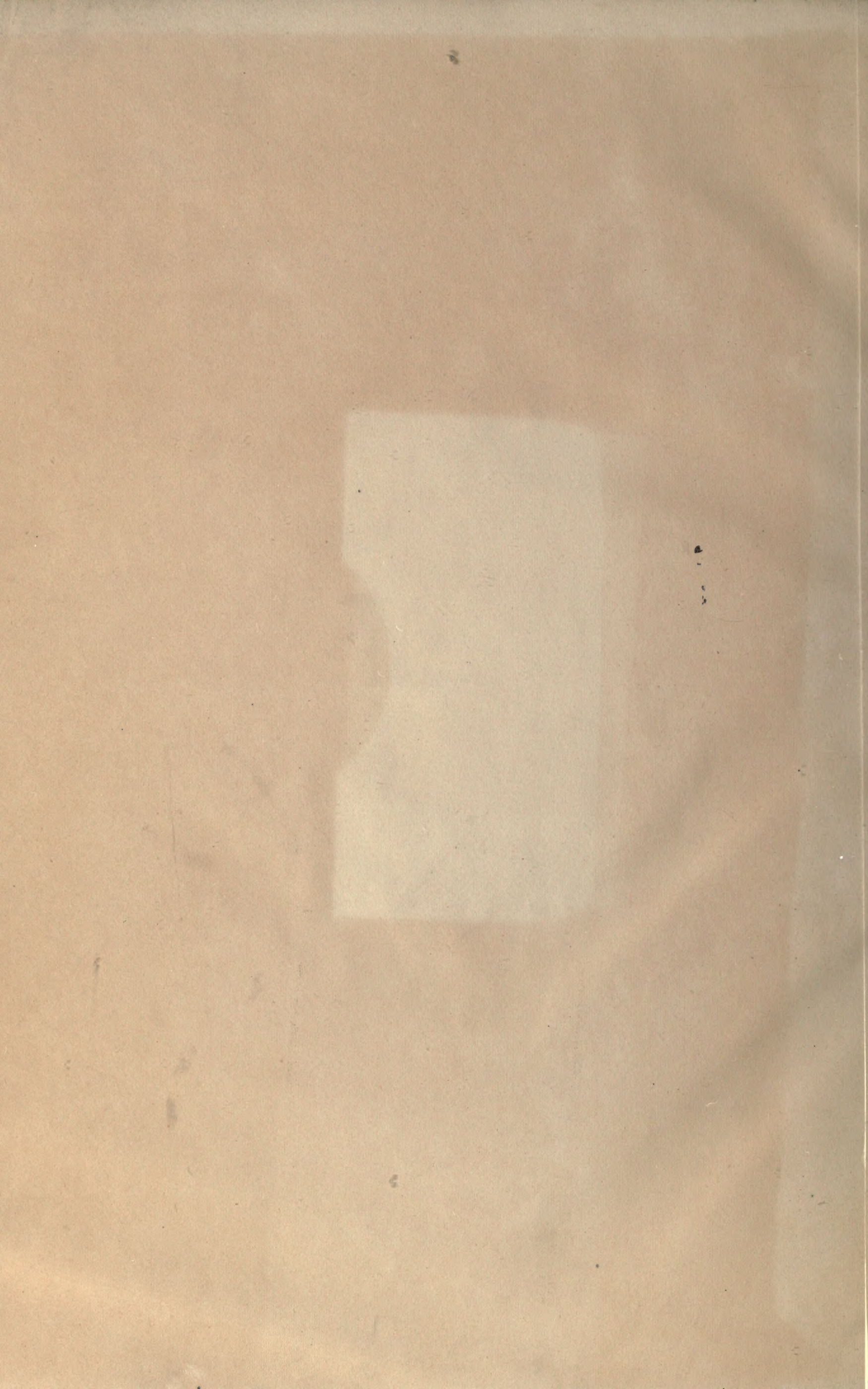














PR Munday, Anthony  
2719 The book of John-a-Kent  
M6A65 and John-a-Cumber  
1595a

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE  
CARDS OR SLIPS FROM THIS POCKET

---

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO LIBRARY

---



